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UPCOMING ELECTRONIC SCRAP WORKSHOPS

The Kentucky Recycling and Marketing Assistance program is developing four workshops on recycling and managing electronics that are being scrapped. The workshops will be held at different locations across the state beginning in late October and winding up in March 2006. We want the workshops to be relevant; so tell us what you want to know about electronics recycling and other issues related to electronics at the “end of life.” We get plenty of phone calls about electronics, so we know you have questions. Please call Tom Heil or Dara Carlisle at 502-564-6716 with questions you would like to be addressed at the workshops or send an e-mail to Thomas.Heil@ky.gov or Dara.Carlisle@ky.gov.

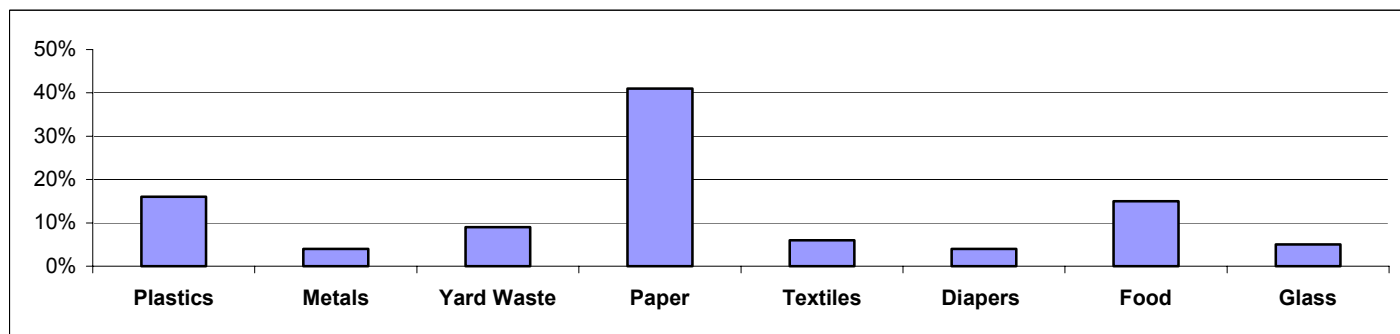
PLASTIC BAGS AND STRETCH-WRAP

Hilex Poly Co., LLC, a large manufacturer of plastic grocery bags, is building a recycling facility in North Vernon, Ind., that will process used plastic grocery bags into new bags. The good news for Kentucky recyclers is that the plant is located in the southeastern Indiana, about 70 miles from Louisville. More details will follow as the end-user facility begins operation.

Wal-Mart is piloting a new plastic recycling initiative that will capture more plastic generated at its stores. Wal-Mart already recycles plastic shopping bags and now has a system to recycle plastic waste created in the back of the store. Plastic film, shopping bags and shrink-wrap are sandwiched in the middle of cardboard bales. The bales are shipped to a recycler where they are broken, the materials separated and rebaled for shipment to end-users.

OHIO WASTE CHARACTERISTICS BY WEIGHT

Ohio completed a waste characterization study at 11 solid waste management districts in 2003. One of the main objectives was to determine the characteristics of the municipal solid waste stream. They found that more than 60 percent of the waste stream (by weight) was composed of three valuable recyclable materials – paper products, metals and plastics as illustrated in the chart below. The municipal waste stream in Kentucky is most likely similar, so we have a lot of educating and behavior changing to do in order to capture a significant amount of the material that is currently thrown away.



Visit the Division of Waste Management Web Site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov>



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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts.

Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

Paper	\$ per ton		<u>Previous month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Mixed Paper	60-65	Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From Mar. 5 Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago market.	60-65	55-60
Sorted Office	105-115		110-120	100-110
Newsprint #6	55-60		55-60	60-65
Newsprint #8	80-85		85-90	85-90
Sorted White Ledger	180-190		185-195	175-185
Corrugated Containers	75-80		75-80	85-90
Plastics				
	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Mar. 14. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.		
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-soda bottles)	19	clear and green (mixed)	18	16
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE-milk jugs) #2	27	natural	27	21
Glass				
	<u>\$ per ton</u>	From March 11, Recycling Manager, national average for truckload quantities, semi-crushed and cleaned, delivered to end-user.		
Clear	29		29	29
Amber	17		17	17
Green	9		9	9
Metals				
	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	Aluminum from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Mar. 14.		
Aluminum cans	73	densified, baled truckload, picked up	67	55
	<u>\$ per gross ton</u>	Steel from American Metal Market, Mar. 14, 2005. Delivered mill price; Chicago market quoted.		
Steel Cans	175	Clean, used densified cans	175	250